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He went to the door, accompanied by Wantscha, who conducted him to the outer gate. There they remained, hand-in-hand, for some time; said good night, more than once, and yet lingered on the spot. He was waiting for her to go back into the house, and she to see which way he went.

"Shall you be back again soon?" asked Wantscha.

"I wish I were already back," was his reply.

"Why, then, would you not stay?"

"Of what use would it be, Wantscha? I should only grieve all the more ever to be separated from you. If you would but —"

"Hush!" interrupted the girl; "have I not forbidden you to pain me by any such talk?"

"In my thoughts I tell you everything, and more than everything; how, then, can I control my tongue in your presence, of whom I am thinking day and night?"

"We are very unfortunate," sighed the maiden.

"If we are unfortunate, I am lucky indeed," whispered he, approaching still nearer to her. She made no objection to this movement, though she said—"You men are all alike; you care for nothing but your own happiness. If you consider yourself lucky, I have reason to be so much the more unlucky in my own estimation."

The conversation was here interrupted in a very unexpected and unpleasant way.

"What makes you so unhappy, my dear?" said a woman's voice. "You would like to have a husband to yourself alone, would you not? Such a one is here for you, my darling."

It was Maruschka who said this. She and her companion had come near enough, without being observed, to hear what Wantscha said. The two who were thus surprised, started back from each other.

"Good evening, husband," said Maruschka. "You expected me here, I suppose?"

"Not here," replied he; "but I waited for you at your place till I could wait no longer."

"Because you were afraid to be out in the wood late at night," cried Maruschka, laughing.

Wantscha heard no more of the conversation between them, but slipped back into the house.

The old woman soon followed her, accompanied by Dachurschu, but without Petru, he having gone off. Maruschka did not look exactly pleased. It is true she was glad at heart to have caught her husband holding a familiar conversation with the girl. The reproaches, which she now felt she had a right to utter against him, were a sort of protection against those of her own conscience. Still these and other similar considerations were not sufficient to give her restless spirit perfect repose, and she gladly seized the opportunity of giving vent to her fury.

The peasant and his wife received her in a cringing, fawning manner. They had treated her husband cordially, but without any great show of respect. Now all was changed. A good dog gets one bone, a savage dog two; and Maruschka could always exact more than others. Indeed she was the mistress of the place. The house, the yard, the flocks, and even the life of the peasant and his family were dependent upon her protection.

"Our poor house is highly honoured by you," said Zdenku, bowing and crossing his arms over his breast.

"Wantscha will make haste," added Czinka, "and get you a nice supper."

With suppressed indignation Maruschka heard these and similar remarks, in which, amid professions of submission and subservience, they offered all kinds of attention.

"I don't wish to take anything," said she as she sat down; "I only want a night's lodging with you, not because I am tired, but because I have to be here early in the morning. And yet I am doubting whether I ought not to prefer a night's rest in the wood to staying in your house."

"Why do you hesitate, mistress?" interposed Zdenku, submissively; "do you suppose anything you wish would be denied you here?"

"You are tolerably well-disposed," said Maruschka, "but you have no strength of purpose, no energy, no perseverance. You are like a reed trembling with every breeze."

"I receive the reproof in all humility," replied Zdenku, in a penitential tone.

"Change for the better," cried the imperious Amazon; "and you will gratify me far more than by your humility. Even now it is not too late; repentance may yet produce good fruits."

"I will improve," declared the abject man; "your good counsel shall be to me inviolable law; but my understanding does not keep pace with my good intentions. Condescend, mistress, to inform the dull peasant in what he has had the misfortune to offend you."

"Don't pretend to be more simple than you really are," rejoined Maruschka; "don't imitate the shopkeeper at Mehadia, who shams deafness when he wishes not to hear."

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EDGING NO. I. LONG WAY.

MATERIALS.—Brooks' Great Exhibition Prize Goat's-head Crochet Thread, No. 40, and Penelope Crochet Hook, No. 5. Make a chain the length required, allowing 23 loops for each pattern.

1st row: Double crochet.

2nd: Treble.

3rd: Double.

4th: Work 1 double, chain 9, miss 9, work 2 double, chain 9, miss 9, work 1 double, repeat to the end, fasten off.

5th: Work 1 double at the top of the 1 double of last round, chain 8, work 4 double at the top of the next 2 double of last row, chain 8, work 1 double at the top of the first 1 of the next 2 double, repeat to the end, fasten off.

6th: Work 1 double at the top of the 1 double of last row, chain 7, work 6 double at the top of the 4 double of last row, chain 7, work 1 double at the top of the next 1 double, repeat to the end, fasten off.

7th: Work 1 double at the top of the 1 double of last row, chain 6, work 8 double at the top of the 6 double of last row, chain 6, work 1 double at the top of the next 1 double of last row, repeat to the end, fasten off.

8th: Work 1 double at the top of the 1 double of last row, chain 5, work 10 double at the top of the 8 double of last row, chain 5, work 1 double at the top of the next 1 double of last row, repeat to the end, fasten off.

9th: Double crochet.

10th: Work 3 treble, chain 18, miss 16, work 3 treble, repeat to the end, fasten off.

Be particular in the 6 treble that it always falls in the centre of the chains of the former rows.

11th: Work 3 treble at the top of the 3 treble of last row, chain 6, miss 8, work 2 treble in 1 loop, chain 3, work 2 treble in the next loop, chain 6, work 3 treble at the top of the next 3 treble of last row, repeat to the end, fasten off.

12th: Work 3 treble at the top of the first 3 treble of last row, chain 4, work 2 treble in the centre of the 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 2 treble in the same 3 chain as before, chain 3, work 2 in the same 3 chain as before, chain 4, work 3 treble at the top of the next 3 treble, repeat to the end, fasten off.

13th: Work 3 treble at the top of the 3 treble of last round, work 2 treble in the centre of the 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 2 treble in the centre of the same 3 chain as before, chain 4, work 2 treble in the centre of the next 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 2 treble in the same 3 chain as before, work 3 treble at the top of the next 3 treble of last row, chain 2, repeat to the end, fasten off.

14th: Work 4 treble at the top of the 3 treble of last row, chain 3, then work 1 treble, and chain 1 for 7 times in the centre of the 4 chain of last row, work 1 treble in the same loop as before, chain 3, work 4 treble at the top of the 3 treble of last row, chain 3, and repeat to the end, fasten off.

15th: Work 5 treble at the top of the 4 treble of last row, chain 2, work 1 plain in the 1 chain of last row, then chain 3, and work 1 plain in each of the 1 chain of last row, chain 2, work 5 treble at the top of the 4 treble of last row, chain 4, and repeat to the end, fasten off.

16th: Work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain 2, work 1 plain in the centre of the first 3 chain of last row, then chain 3, and work 1 plain in each of the 3 chain of last row, chain 2, work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain 5, and repeat to the end, fasten off.

17th: Work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain 2, work 1 plain in the centre of the first 3 chain of last row, then chain 3, and work 1 plain in each of the 3 chain of last row, chain 2, work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain 2, work 1 treble in the centre of the 5 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same loop as before, chain 2, and repeat to the end, fasten off.

18th: Work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain 2, work 1 plain in the centre of the first 3 chain of last row, then chain 3, and work 1 plain in each 3 chain of last row, chain 2, work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain 4, work 1 treble in the centre of the 3 chain of last row, then chain 3, and work 1 treble for 3 times more in the same 3 chain, chain 4, and repeat to the end, fasten off.

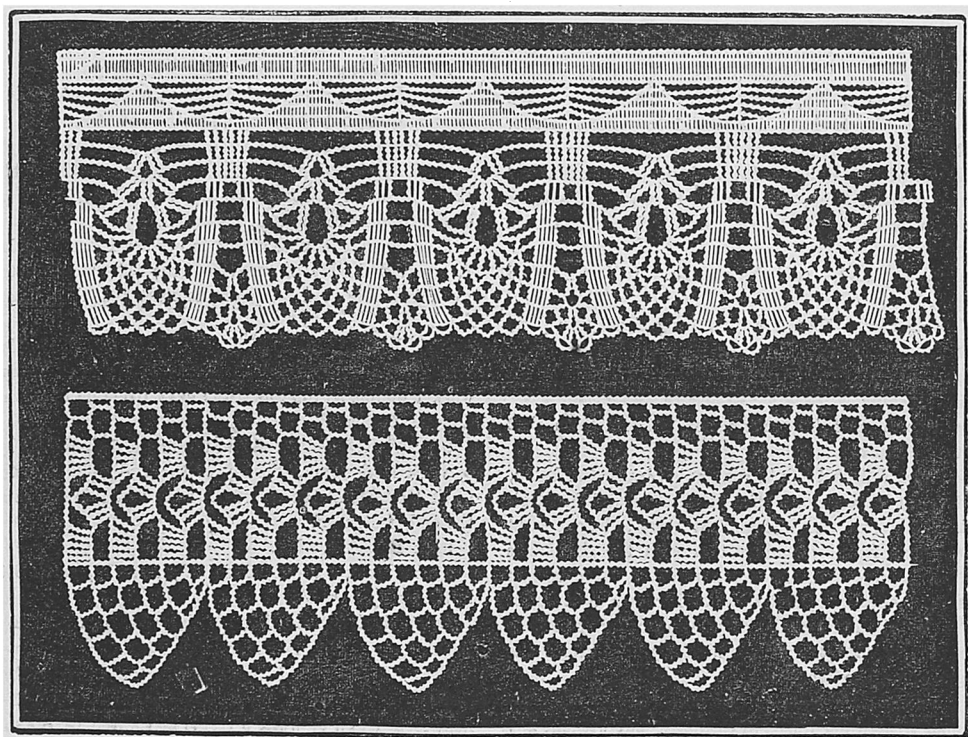
19th: Work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain

chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain, chain 3, work 6 treble in the centre of the first 5 chain of last row, chain 4, work 6 treble in the next 5 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the centre of the 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the end 3 chain of last row, turn back.

3rd: Chain 3, work 1 treble in the first 3 3 chains of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain of last row, chain 5, work 3 treble in the centre of the 4 chain of last row, chain 3, work 3 treble in the same place as before, chain 5, work 1 treble in the centre of the first 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same 3 chain as before, chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the end 3 chain of last row, turn back.

4th: Chain 3, and work 1 treble in each of the first 3 3 chains of last row, chain 3, work 6 treble in the first 5 chain of last row, chain 4, work 6 treble in the next 5 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the centre of the next 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the end 3 chain of last row, turn back.

5th: Chain 3, work 1 treble in the first 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain of last row, chain 5,



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2, work 1 plain in the centre of the 3 chain of last row, then chain 3, and plain 1 in each of the 3 chains of last row, chain 2, work 5 treble at the top of the 5 treble of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the centre of the first 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 2 treble in the next 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 2 treble in the same loop as before, chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain of last row, chain 3, and repeat to the end, fasten off.

20th: Plain 1 in the centre of the 3 chain of last row, chain 5, and repeat to the end, fasten off, which completes the edging.

EDGING NO. II. SHORT WAY.

MATERIALS.—Brooks' Great Exhibition Prize Goat's-head Crochet Thread, No. 40, and Penelope Crochet Hook, No. 5. Make a chain of 19 loops, turn back.

1st row: Miss 2, work 1 treble, chain 3, miss 2, work 1 treble, chain 5, miss 5, work 3 treble in the 1 loop, chain 3, work 3 treble in the same loop as before, chain 5, miss 5, work 1 treble, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same loop as before, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same loop as before, turn back.

2nd: Chain 3, work 1 treble in the first 3 chain of last row,

work 3 treble in the centre of the 4 chain of last row, chain 3, work 3 treble in the same place as before, chain 5, work 1 treble in the centre of the first 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same place as before, chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the end 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same place as before, turn back.

6th: Chain 3 and work 1 treble in each of the first 5 3 chains of last row, chain 3, work 6 treble in the 5 chain of last row, chain 4, work 6 treble in the next 5 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the next 3 chain of the last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the end 3 chain of last row, turn back.

7th: Chain 3, work 1 treble in the centre of 3 first 3 chain of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the centre of the next 3 chain of last row, chain 5, work 3 treble in the centre of the 4 chain of last row, chain 3, work 3 treble in the same place as before, chain 5, work 1 treble in the centre of the 3 chains of last row, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same place as before, chain 3, work 1 treble in the same place as before, turn back, and repeat from the 2nd row for the length required.